

🇬🇧 SSSSB Story 035b: ArawMoto and the Sports Game Shop [13+ years]



ArawMoto and the Sports Game Shop [Araw=Nepal boy and Moto=Congo boy]

Once upon a time, there was a boy named ArawMoto who always wanted to grow in everything he did. His favorite things were sports and games—he loved contests and learning new skills. His dream was to own a big sports and games set filled with equipment so he could explore new games and improve.

The set included:

Tangram, checkers, chessboard, hourglass, small clock, booklets

Tennis set, football, cricket set, carrom, badminton, volleyball

Traditional games from Nepal and Congo like dandi biyo, lingo khel, spinning tops, likembe, awalé, elastic game, mbila, tug-of-war, hoop rolling, and foot volleyball.

The full set cost \$25. In the city was a big sports and toy shop run by Mrs. SportPlay. ArawMoto walked past it daily, gazing longingly at the set.

He had saved \$20 and finally gathered the courage to go in. *“Sairam, Mrs. SportPlay. I’d like to buy the Super Sports and Games set.”*

She replied coldly, *“It’s \$25 per set. I have three left. Want all three? That’ll be \$75.”*

“No, ma’am. Just one. But I’m short by \$5...”

“Come back when you have the full amount,” she said, dismissively.

Just then, an SSSSB teacher entered, bought two sets for her classes, paid \$50, said *“Sairam,”* and left. Only one set remained.

Panicked, ArawMoto pleaded, *“Please accept \$20 now, and I’ll bring the rest later!”* But she refused and sent him away.

Sad, ArawMoto sat outside—but then got an idea.

Each day, he secretly flipped the *“Open”* sign to *“Closed.”*

No customers came in for a week. Mrs. SportPlay, confused, went to a wise Guru.

The guru said: *"Your karma has turned:*
– *You were unkind to children.*
– *You overcharge the wealthy and tourists.*
– *You favor the rich costumers"*

He added, *"ArawMoto is outside your shop now. This time, with the full \$25."*

Shocked, Mrs. SportPlay admitted, *"Guruji, you are right. Please help me change."*

Guruji said, *"Work with ArawMoto. Soon Ssssb students will visit your shop, Listen carefull to the conversation"*

She rushed back. ArawMoto was there and confessed, *"Madam, I did a very bad thing—I turned the sign to 'Closed' for the whole week. Please forgive me."*

Mrs. SportPlay hugged him. *"It is ok, you opened my heart. From now on, I'll be fair and kind to all."*

She wanted to give him the set for free—but ArawMoto insisted on paying.

Then he said, *"May I help in your shop after school for a month, to repay the lost sales?"*

She agreed happily.

ArawMoto welcomed children, explained the games, and made shy kids feel at home.

The shop filled with love and joy. Sales grew—but what truly touched Mrs. SportPlay was something more: She began donating part of her profits and regularly gave away games to the children who came to the shop.

On ArawMoto's last day, a group of SSSSB children came in.

Mrs. SportPlay remembered Guruji's words—and listened closely.

Question Heart-Work : *What do you think the SSSSB children would say to each other—if they were the shop owner?*

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